



Dear Students,

Do you have a talent, hobby, or passion you'd like to share with others?

Ellington Youth Services is excited to present "Launch My Idea," a platform for talented high school students to develop and lead innovative programs and activities for Ellington youth.

How does "Launch My Idea" work? It's simple.

- You think of an idea for a one-day or multi-day program or activity.
- You share your idea with Youth Services by filling out the Launch My Idea Proposal Form located on our website at youth.ellington-ct.gov.
- Youth Services invites you to meet with its staff to discuss your proposal.
- If your idea is selected, you'll be assigned a Youth Services mentor who will work with you to develop a detailed project plan and help launch your idea.
- If your program is selected and runs, you will have a choice to receive either community service hours or payment for the hours you spend during the program itself.

We value your ideas.

Over the past few years we've had the pleasure of mentoring four high school students in initiating and launching three of Youth Services' most exciting new programs for younger students: Just Girls, Discover Art, and Journal MEArt. The success of these programs has inspired us to create a platform through which we can help other high school students launch their ideas and benefit the Ellington community in the process. We value your ideas and look forward to brainstorming, planning, and creating with you.

Let's get started.

We're ready to hear your ideas! Just fill out the Launch My Idea Proposal Form and we'll get started. If you have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at Ellington Youth Services.

Sincerely,

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